

Remarks

The Drawings stand objected to because all rectangular boxes in Fig. 1 should be labeled.

Fig. 1 has been amended.

The Specification stands objected to because the Abstract of the disclosure should be on a single page.

The Specification remains unamended.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application.

The indication that claims 2-8 are directed to allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Datsikas (US 5,585,721).

Claim 1 has been amended.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claims 2 and 4-8 remain in the application unamended.

Drawings

As shown in the attached sheet, Fig. 1 has been amended to include labels in all relevant boxes. In light of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings.

Specification

The Office Action states that the abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it should be in a separate page and that the abstract provided is that for the corresponding PCT application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is a national entry of PCT application number PCT/IB2004/050938. Because the abstract satisfied the requirements of said international application, Applicants respectfully submit that the abstract should be sufficient for national entry into the US. Accordingly reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are respectfully requested.

Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3. Since the Office Action indicates that claim 3 is directed towards allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim 3 has been cancelled in connection with the amendment to claim 1.

Claims 2 and 4-8 ultimately depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 4-8 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1, 2 and 4-8 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with this Amendment A, the authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for the fees associated therewith is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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